Criteria for Appointment of CSS Officers at Joint Secretary Level

2538. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria and guidelines for appointment of CSS Officers at Joint Secretary level;

(b) whether names of empanelled officers are circulated strictly as per their placement in pannel, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that officers from review pannel not found fit in regular panel are placed about those from the regular pannel;

(d) whether it is tantamount to reward officers for their efficiency while denying the officers of regular panel their right to be appointed first; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and rules under which such proposals are made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARATHANA: (a) The criteria and guidelines for appointment of officers belonging to All India Services and other Group 'A' Central Services as also, the Central Secretariat Services (CSS) for appointment to the posts of Joint Secretary/equivalent are contained in para 21 of the Central Staffing Scheme. In brief, the Establishment Officer, acting on behalf of the Civil Services Board shall offer a pannel of three names for each vacancy, keeping in view the educational qualifications, service, experience and special training required for effective performance of the job. The Civil Services Board after taking into consideration the offer list, will finalise the panel in the order of preference for each vacancy of Joint Secretary keeping in view the job description, suitability of the officers, and other relevant factors. Thereafter, the proposal for appointment of a particular officer is submitted to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) and after approval by the ACC, orders are issued.

(b) As per the existing policy, the names of empanelled CSS officers are circulated for Joint Secretary/equivalent posts strictly as per their placement in the panel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the position stated at (b) above.

Age Relaxation for Ex-Servicemen in Civil Services Examinations

2539. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ex-servicemen are allowed age relaxation in the Civil Services Examinations conducted by the UPSC; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider allowing them age relaxation as is done in case of direct recruitment to group 'A' posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Posts in Various Grades Manned by Officers of All India Services

2540. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of posts of each of the grades of under Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary in the various Ministries/Departments of Government of India as well as the attached/subordinate offices thereunder manned by officers belonging to IAS, CSS and other All India Services, respectively, as on the 1st June during the years 1996 to 1998?